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SUBJECT: HUTCHINSON CASE - CONVERSATION WITH POLICE CHIEF GUZMAN, OCTOBER 7

1. AT 7:30 CORDIAL MEETING I HAD THIS MORNING WITH POLICE CHIEF GUZMAN (POL/BIO CHIEF CLAYTON ACCOMPANIED ME AS HE WILL DO EACH MORNING), HE SAID THE FOLLOWING:

(A) RE TIME OF FOOD DELIVERY, HENCEFORTH THE THREE DIPLOMATS COULD CHOOSE THE TIME, AS LONG AS IT VARIED, AND INSTRUCTIONS WOULD BE GIVEN TO ALL COLONELS TO LET US PASS WHEN WE APPEARED (THIS MAKES IT EASIER FOR ALL OF US TO PLAN OUR DAY). WE WOULD BE ALLOWED TO PROCEED DIRECTLY OPPOSITE AND ACROSS THE STREET FROM THE CONSULATE.

(B) RE TELEPHONE, SECRETARY OF DEFENSE JIMENEZ HAD ORDERED IT SHUT DOWN. WE REMONSTRATED THAT WE THOUGHT IT IMPORTANT TO BE IN OPERATION AND GUZMAN SAID HE WOULD CHECK WITH JIMENEZ.

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(C) RE LETTERS FROM HOSTAGES ADDRESSED TO THE THREE CHIEFS OF

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MISSION LAST FRIDAY, HE WAS STILL PURSUING THE MATTER WITH DR. QUEZADA (THE LETTERS SEEM TO BE IN THE PRESIDENT'S OFFICE). WE URGED THAT WE RETURN TO THE OLD SYSTEMWHICH PERMITTED US TO KEEP THE ORIGINALS AND MAKE IMMEDIATE PHOTO COPIES FOR THE POLICE. GUZMAN AGREED.

(D) RE DOCTOR, THIS WAS STILL UNDER ADVISEMENT.

(E) RE DELIVERY OF BOOKS, NOTHING NEW.

2. ON THE SUBJECT OF THE TELEPHONE, GUZMAN WAS WARMLY APPROVING OF THE TENOR OF MY CONVERSATION WITH MENDEZ VARGAS YESTERDAY, AS REPORTED TO HIM BY THE TWO COLONELS WHO WERE WITH ME.

3. LATER IN THE MORNING, WE WERE INFORMED THAT ADMIRAL JIMENEZ HAD APPROVED RENEWED OPERATION OF THE TELEPHONE. DELIVERY OF A BIBLE WAS APPROVED. WE WERE ALSO INFORMED THAT WE WOULD NOT BE PERMITTED DIRECTLY ACROSS THE STREET FROM THE FRONT DOOR OF THE CONSULATE, RATHER SOMEWHAT TO THE WEST.

4. I HAVE 4 PM MEETING TODAY WITH ADMIRAL JIMENEZ.

5. DR. QUEZADA IS STILL TRYING TO GET US AN APPOINTMENT WITH THE PRESIDENT.
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